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Regarding the proposed Microsoft Settlement, I oppose it as a bad idea, a bad deal and inappropriate given the patently abusive and stifling, let alone illegal, business practices of Microsoft. It falls far short of requiring that Microsoft enable others to develop software that can reliably interface to their operating system. The document is a formula for a disaster for the development of innovative software with consequences for the economy and society. In particular, the requirements to provide API access are too weak, let alone the lack of adequate enforcement mechanisms which gut the whole thing.

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